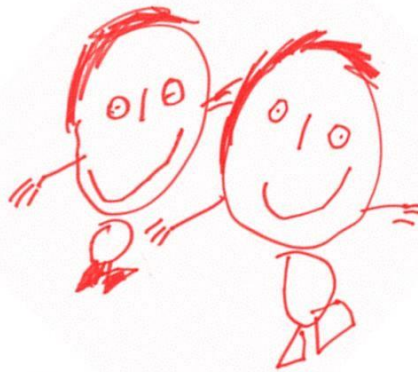




**Stockingford
Nursery School**

ADULT COLLECTING CHILDREN UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUGS POLICY

Passed and adopted by Governing Body:

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Occasionally a member of staff will have reason to be concerned about a parent/carers capacity to care competently and safely for their child. For example, if they may be under the influence of alcohol, drugs or illegal substances, or the reason is unknown but their behaviour is erratic and gives cause for concern about their capacity to safeguard their child.

If this situation arises at Stockingford Nursery School we will take the following action:

1. If a Staff member has good reason to suspect that a parent is under the influence of legal/illegal drugs or alcohol, or is behaving erratically when they drop off or collect their child, they have a duty to inform the Head teacher or a Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Under the provisions of the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, the Designated Safeguard Lead will then be responsible for deciding upon the appropriate course of action, ensuring that the safety and protection of the child remains paramount at all times.

2. This action may include:

- A Concern is raised, taken to a Designated Safeguard Lead, logged and reported on CPOMS as a cause for concern about a child's safety and welfare'- **but the parent / carer is deemed 'competent' and 'safe' to take the child.**

Or

- **The parent/Carer is deemed unfit/unsafe to take the child.** The DSL or Deputy DSL will risk assess and inform the family member of this decision. The Police and/or Warwickshire Children and Families Family Connect Team will be contacted. (Consideration should be given as to whether another adult with parental responsibility or an emergency contact who may be notified to be able to safely collect the child first).
 - Staff will make all possible efforts to ensure that children are not allowed to travel in a vehicle driven by someone under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Where an act is suspected, the police will be called.
3. Information received about children of drug and alcohol using parents/carers. Further enquiries and/or further action will be taken when the school receives reliable information about drug and alcohol abuse by a child's parents/carers in the following circumstances:
 - The parental misuse is regarded as a safety challenge i.e., multiple drug use including injection
 - An unsafe and unpredictable home environment exists which can be attributed to drug or alcohol misuse
 - Children are not being provided with acceptable or consistent levels of social, safe supervision or health care
 - Children are exposed to criminal behaviour

For further information see Stockingford Nursery School's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy.

If the school have any concerns that a child suffering any form of abuse, neglect or cruelty we will contact Warwickshire Children and Families Family Connect by calling 01926 414144 or the Emergency Team (out of hours) by calling 01962 886922. If a child is at immediate risk we will contact the police immediately by calling 999.